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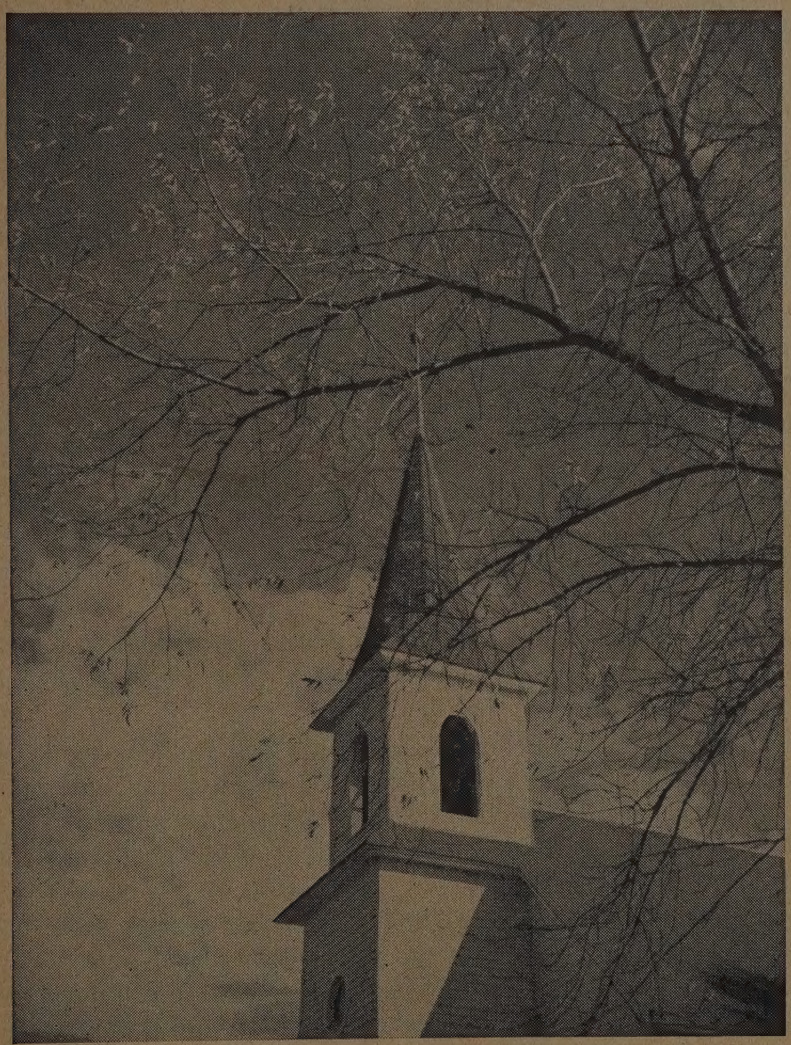

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come.
Song of Solomon

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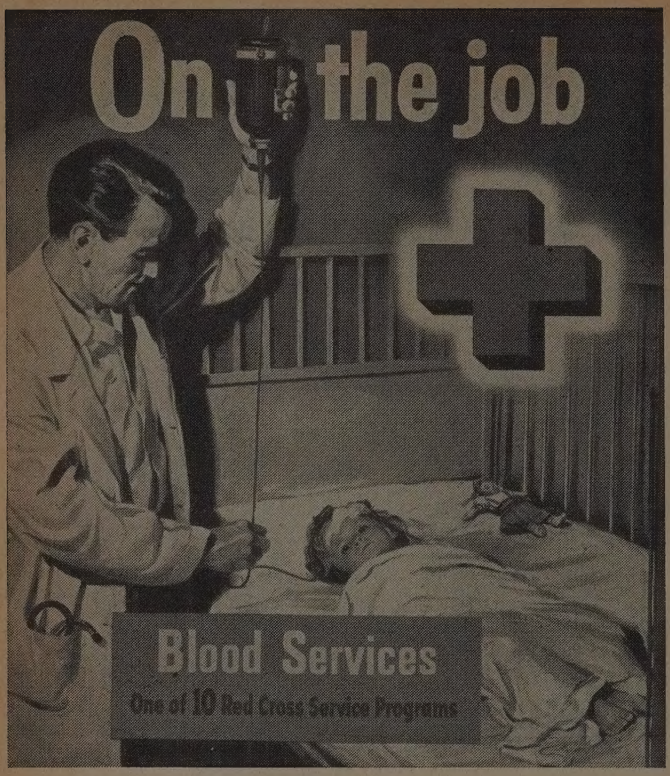

The American Red Cross

75 YEARS OF SERVICE . . .

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THROUGH NURSING SERVICES
IN FIRST AID
IN WATER SAFETY
TO VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS
THROUGH THE JUNIOR RED CROSS
THROUGH ITS BLOOD PROGRAM
THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICES

FROM 1861, when disease took a greater toll of life on Civil War battlefields than minn balls, to the conflict in Korea, where helicopters carried blood and plasma to the fro lines, the American volunteer has followed the example of his pioneer forefathers by helpi his neighbors in distress.

Twenty years before the actual organization of the American Red Cross, Clara Barton a hundreds of women volunteers were doing their best to raise the level of medical service f soldiers during the War Between the States.

Time and again the Red Cross has forged ahead with practical training to benefit the heal and safety of mankind. Its first aid and water safety courses are in the forefront with the newe tested methods; its home nursing and baby care classes are recommended by physicians a nurses, many of whom volunteer time for instruction; its disaster relief methods provide pra tical channels for sympathetic action.

Red Cross bloodmobiles now travel the nation, some near western trails that once were r with the lost blood of our pioneers. One of the most recent developments in the Red Cro program of service, blood donor recruitment set a remarkable record during World War II providing blood and its derivatives to wounded soldiers—a record that is being matched by t steady procurement of donors for peacetime illness and accident.

As we move into the atomic age, the Red Cross continues to keep abreast of the times. A the skills and experience of Red Cross volunteers are ready to help those in distress in the eve of an atomic disaster.

Seventy-five years of service speak for themselves. Help the Red Cross to stay on the jo serving our neighbors everywhere in the proud tradition of our pioneers.

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s Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Mission has given he greatest week in the history of our congregation," church member said.

As a result of this P-T-R Mission, we have a new gregation in Christ Jesus," exclaimed another.

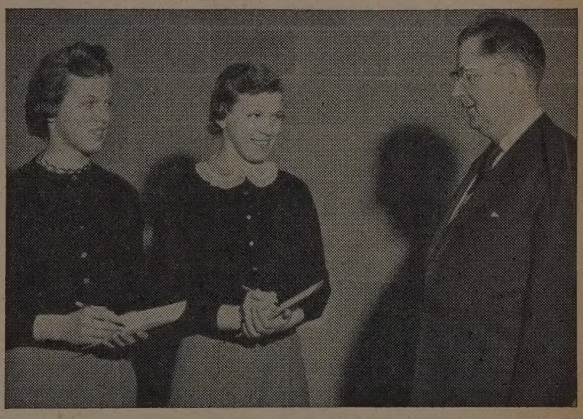
pastor in St. Paul testified, "This week, working h the pastors of other synods, has made me a differ- man. I'll never be the same again."

hese are some of the many radiant testimonies heard Church. In Minneapolis, the NLC Mission was sponsored by the Augustana Church.

For weeks before the Mission, most churches had conducted earnest prayer meetings in behalf of the P-T-R. One congregation organized eighty cottage prayer sessions. Others had ten or fifteen. Most churches remembered the Mission in prayer at Sunday services and at meetings of organizations. People waited upon God for His guidance and blessing.

-T-R in the win Cities

Amos Lundquist



Last minute instructions to the Nielsen twins, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, by Pastor Howard Blegen, guest pastor during P-T-R week.

the close of the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Mis- n held in St. Paul and Minneapolis the week of nday, Feb. 5-9. Guest missioners preached Sunday enoon and for five nights in 182 Lutheran churches. e United Lutheran Church in America and the Lu- ran Church—Missouri Synod each conducted its own ssion, parallel and simultaneously with the other urches of the National Lutheran Council.

PRAYER UNDERGIRDS MISSION

e NLC Mission in St. Paul was managed by the angelism Department of The Evangelical Lutheran

One woman said, "I can't thank God enough for having this prayer meeting come into my home. It has been like attending Communion."

"Through these cottage services, our people have caught the real meaning of prayer," one man said.

The attendance Sunday morning in all churches totaled about 90,000. On Sunday afternoon six National Lutheran Council rallies were held in the two cities, as well as one each by the Missouri Synod and the ULCA.

Each night, Sunday through Thursday, as many as 28,694 people attended services in the participating churches. When 10,000 attend services conducted by a

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famous evangelist, and 200 people go forward to commit their lives to God, it makes the headlines. In this P-T-R, enough people attended each evening to fill the Minneapolis Auditorium, the Minneapolis Armory, and the St. Paul Arena, all at one time.

Newsworthy also is the fact that a grand total of about 8,200 in a way "went forward" to make a commitment for closer fellowship with Christ, some signing up for pastors' classes, some deciding to join church, some re-affirming their faith, some promising to attend Sunday school, and some to have their children baptized.

Groups of visitors met for nightly supper meetings, or for half an hour before or after the evening services, for reports or inspirational or instructional meetings.

PASTORS MEET EACH FORENOON

One of the outstanding features of the Mission was the daily forenoon Bible studies, prayer sessions, and instruction meetings conducted for the direct benefit of pastors, but mainly for the indirect benefit of the people. St. Matthew's Church, where the St. Paul NLC forenoon sessions were held, has kneeling benches for each pew. It was most impressive day after day to see host and guest pastors on their knees in prayer for their people, for one another, and for themselves.

Since laymen and women were busy with their daily occupations, it may be of interest to them to hear of some of the blessings the pastors received in order to be of greater service to their people. In St. Paul, basing his comments on I Cor. 9:16, "For necessity is laid upon me," Pastor Agnar Tanner (ELC) said, "
stream of the world is seeking to infiltrate the str
of the Church. No one is standing still. One or
other stream is vigorously seeking to outrush the o

"We are living in an explosive situation. Is the Ch
going into the world, or is the world going into
Church? Is the Church so fully pressurized by
Holy Spirit that it is really going into all the wo
When conflict ceases, the world has conquered
Church.

"Jesus said, 'One thing is needful.' In the midst
a multitude of attention-claiming necessities, Paul co
say, 'This one thing I do.' The world demands
everyone conform. The Church calls people to al
themselves to become transformed into the image
God."

WHAT CAN GOD'S WORD DO?

Quoting from a book by Bishop Bo Giertz, Dr. T
Gullixson said: "There is a strange power in the W
of God to accomplish just what He wants accomplish
God makes us His children by His own Word. No
is unaffected by the Word of God. Only for a time r
a person defy the Word of God. You cannot meas
God. One either looks up to God, or he does not
Him at all. The Bible contains everything we need
the world to know for salvation."

The Rev. Conrad Thompson, director of Evangeli
in the ELC, said, "If you don't put new members
work in three months you lose them. We must s
people, not only from something, but to something. I

Dr. T. F. Gullixson gives out visitation assignments during Twin City P-T-R. Left to right, Miriam Olson, Wayne Johnson, Virgi
Johnson, Mary Preus, and Dr. Gullixson, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

or Hoiland of Our Savior's Lu-an Church, Lebanon, Oregon, ducts a report meeting. During P-T-R, 8,200 people signed up pastors' classes, decided to join ch, promised to attend Sunday ol, or to have their children bap-d.

job to get Christ's multitude of 5,000, not only into group of 120 disciples, or into the visiting seventy, nto the company of the twelve disciples, but onto Mount of Transfiguration where Christ took only e."

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NEGROES

many churches made house-to-house surveys, they overed Negroes in their community. Should these nvited to the P-T-R services and to regular Sunday ices, and to join church?

peaking on this question, the Rev. Philip Johnson that he has 135 Negro adults in his Salem Church Chicago. There are 600,000 Negroes in Chicago, more n in many Southern states. Negroes number 800,000 New York City; 18,000 in Minnesota.

As far as the color of the skin of His children is cerned," Pastor Johnson said, "God is color-blind. ny Negro laymen and women are better educated n their Negro pastors. They do not feel at home in r Negro churches. More and more Negroes appre-e the musical and the spiritual heritage of the Lu-an Church. One Negro said, 'We have found in church what we have looked for a long, long time.' The president of Salem Luther League is a fine gro girl. 75% of the Sunday school is Negro. On our rch board of 24, five are Negroes. Whites join the rch as well as Negroes. Some whites travel many es to attend church. The average giving among our groes is $3 to $4 a Sunday. Some give up to $12 a day.

The interracial church is a foretaste of heaven, ere there is no segregation, and where the great mul-de before the throne and before the Lamb come from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues."

Pastor Johnson said that there is no theological or biological reason for preventing interracial dating or marriage, but socially, each prefers to date and to marry within its own race. In an interracial Lutheran church in the Bronx, since 1931, there has been no interracial dating or marriage.

A Minneapolis pastor said that the first woman seeking to join his adult confirmation class is a Negro.

CHRIST MORE MEANINGFUL

At a noon luncheon in Minneapolis, the Rev. Oswald Waech, director of Evangelism in the Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod, said, "I pray that Christ might become more meaningful to all people. As we sow the seed, the Lord gives the increase."

Dr. Robert W. Stackel, Director of the Evangelism Program, ULCA, said, "Is it easier for Lutherans to love people outside of the Church than it is to love people already in other Lutheran synods? A boy said to his pastor one day, 'Why don't you tell your visitors, "The soul you save may be your own?"'"

Dr. Samuel M. Miller stated that in 1930 God placed a great burden for souls on the hearts of two men in the Twin Cities. They met for heart-searching prayer and Bible study. For thirty days one of the men conducted noon-day services in a vacant store; the other conducted nightly services in a church. After that they concentrated on conducting Bible classes. Dr. Miller claimed, "This entire intersynodical, nation-wide Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Mission is no doubt part of the answer to the prayers of these two men, as well as of many others. The desire for evangelism is of long standing."

Lenten Meditations . . .

Christ Among the Candlesticks

5. IN RAIMENT OF WHITE

THE LETTER TO SARDIS

And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your works; you have the name of being alive, and you are dead. Awake, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember then what you received and heard; keep that, and repent. If you will not awake, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you. Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy. He who conquers shall be clad thus in white garments, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life: I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
—REVELATION 3:1-6

There once was a pastor whose congregation left a good deal to be desired. Truth to tell, he had a "Sardis" congregation, one which had a great reputation, with very little spiritual life to back up that reputation. On one occasion the pastor was heard to say, "Thank God for the few." "The many" took deep offense, of course; who was he to leave them out of his thanksgiving?

Yet that is exactly what our Lord does as He walks among the candlesticks and appraises His congregations. Of "the many" in Sardis, all He can say is that they have the name of being alive while actually they are dead. However, He singles out "the few," and to them He gives a promise so great, so beautiful, that it seems strange that it can ever be given to sinful men and women. Because they have kept their garments of earth unsoiled, they shall receive the white garments of His "great white throng." Because their names are written in the book of the faithful on earth, their names shall remain in the Book of Life throughout eternity. Says Jesus, "They are worthy."

Yes, "Thank God for the few." In every congregation are those who are steadfast and true in the faith. They live close to the Lord, they walk in His footsteps. On their shoulders falls the work of the Kingdom. Theirs is the task of making "the few" "more." For in their own congregation, among "the many" they find their most fertile field of souls. So long as "the few" include the "two or three" who are "gathered together" in Christ's name, so long is there a congregation.

Are you among "the few" in Sardis?

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This masterpiece, entitled "Crucifixion," was painted in the seventeenth century by the Spanish artist, Francisco de Zurbaran. A hanging in a Dominican chapel for 180 years, it was hidden 80 years. Next it found a home in a seminary in England. Rece it has been acquired by the Art Institute of Chicago.

O God, who hast commanded that no man should idle: Give us grace to employ all our talents and faculti in the service appointed for us, that, whatsoever our ha findeth to do, we may do it with our might. Cheerfu may we go on in the road which Thou hast marked o not desiring too earnestly that it should be either m smooth or wide; but daily, seeking our way by T Light, may we trust ourselves and the issue of our jo ney to Thee, the Fountain of Joy, and sing songs praise as we go along. Then, O Lord, receive us at t gate of life which Thou hast opened for us in Chr Jesus. Amen.

Report Concerning a Trust

report to the 1954 General Convention called the get proposal "A Proposal to Meet a Trust." In its tion, it became a "Program to Meet a Trust." The rt of 1955 income shown on this page, therefore mes a report concerning that trust.

is a report over which the Church may properly ce and give thanks. We established a measure of our ram by adopting a total budget of $4,300,000, and have reached that amount. We did not reach it l we had learned to call in prayer to God to make willing people in this task. We did not reach it out the necessity of reminders to a number of gregations, and some reluctance at points along the . Nevertheless, the total needed for this particular ram was provided.

would be possible to make quite a list of reasons rejoicing over this result. They would vary from gregation to congregation, no doubt. We rejoice a situation which finds more dollars given for the k than ever before in our history. Contributions 955 exceeded those in 1954 by 12.9 per cent. Those 954 exceeded those in 1953 by 3.6 per cent. It was the year of our greatest advance, but it was a good .

Ve rejoice when the sense of Christian purpose rises ve some loss of income. There was loss of income many people belonging to our congregations during past year, for we are in large part a rural Church. results we have are a sign of willingness to consider work of Christ as a priority matter. The people of Church did not believe they should hold back, but er advance.

Ve can also rejoice because the providing of these ds has been so largely within the sense of Christian stewardship. It was not true in all instances, of course. There is still the idea which shows itself that this program of the Church is a kind of burdensome assessment which a congregation should avoid if it can. There is still the voice which wonders if "we aren't being asked for too much." There is still the inquiry from the church board which believes it should give no more than its neighbor is willing to give, ignoring completely the call of the Spirit of God to them to "be great Christian men."

Without a doubt, however, the major part of these funds came out of a serious sense of stewardship, out of a deep desire to honor and fulfill a holy trust. The money was to be given because men and women ought to know what God has done for them and how God feels about them. It was to be given through the Church in order to build it into the achievements of other years and other generations.

This trust has also been seen as that of being a responsible people in an important period of world history. Revolution is in process. Perplexed nations are everywhere. The Church is charged with proclaiming Christ in such a time. These givers have understood that such a proclamation cannot be accomplished with hesitation but with vigorous intention to call attention to this Savior and Lord.

Thus the report for 1955 should be read. It is the report concerning a trust. It is not the end of the trust, by any means. That trust is so great and such a sobering matter that we must expect it to claim more of what we are and what we have.

RAYMOND M. OLSON
Director of Stewardship
January 31, 1956

trict	*Apportionment*	*Raised*	*Status*	*Per Cent Raised*
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th Central	450,000.00	450,348.20	348.20 Cr.	100.1
th Dakota	406,000.00	414,162.31	8,162.31 Cr.	102.0
rth Dakota	485,000.00	463,794.02	21,205.98	95.6
ky Mountain	165,000.00	178,874.76	13,874.76 Cr.	108.4
ific	170,000.00	194,225.56	24,225.56 Cr.	114.3
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EDIT

Union an

In a previous editorial (January 10) we outlined the provisions of Article X of the Articles of Union for the proposed new Church. This is the Article which deals with our relationship to others—Lutheran councils and federations and non-Lutheran relationships. We do not feel that there is any necessity of discussing further the first category; the provisions are simple. The third, however, demands further attention.

It will be recalled that Article X, Section 2, provides that the new Church shall, at its constituting convention, take the steps necessary to become a member of the World Council of Churches. However, at the very first regular convention, this membership shall be "subject to review." Then the Church shall decide whether to terminate its membership or continue it. Provision is specifically made for "presentation of the issues on both sides of the question" so that the Church may be fully informed.

From the beginning of the union negotiations, it has been realized that the matter of possible membership of the new Church in the World Council of Churches would have to be discussed. Of the four bodies, two (ELC and LFC) had by decisive majorities decided against such membership. True, in both cases the decision was by simple convention resolution, so that it would have been possible for any member of a subsequent convention to bring the question up for renewed consideration. Nevertheless, these bodies were on record as having considered the question of membership and having decided against it.

ALC and UELC, on the other hand, have held membership in the WCC since it was organized. Neither body feels that it is jeopardizing its confessional stand; on the contrary, both bodies believe that their witness in the World Council is in accord with divine imperative.

Knowing that the matter would come up as soon as Articles of Union were to be written, a good many gave serious thought to how best to handle what was admittedly a difficult question. We stated editorially before our 1954 convention that we hoped that no action would be required, that the new Church would be formed without any statement on the relation between it and WCC. We suggested as a possibility that a time might be set when the new Church might consider membership. We still wish that that had proved to be possible.

In the past year's negotiations, the ELC committees have consistently taken the stand that it would be the part of wisdom to leave this matter until after the union. The ELC P. and O. Committee was instructed by our Union Committee to take this position, and did so scrupulously. As a matter of fact, the Joint P. and O. Committee sent up to the Joint Union Committee without recommendation, alternate proposals—one provi that no decision be made, the other providing for m bership.

In the discussions within the Joint Union Comm the ELC group held out for the first alternative. W it became evident that this alternative was unaccept it was the ELC group which advanced the sugges for what might be called "tentative" or "prelimin membership, with a specific time of review. The posal of Article X is the direct outgrowth of the sistence of the ELC Union Committee that unequiv acceptance of membership in WCC is undesirabl this time.

Notice carefully, please, what this provision seek accomplish. On the one hand, it seeks to preserve the ALC and UELC an association which has bec both dear and compelling to them and to preserve continuity of their membership until their identity been lost in the union and the new Church can de for itself. On the other hand, it seeks to assure th within the ELC who do not believe that member in the WCC is desirable of a full and free discussio every district, in smaller groups, through the offi periodical of the Church, and in other ways, with cision at the first regular convention of the new Chu

The proposal as it now appears was adopted by Joint Union Committee with only one negative v that of the Rev. R. A. Ofstedal of the ELC. He vo against the section and, while he did not file a mino report, he requested that a protest prepared by him recorded in the Minutes of the Joint Union Commit This was agreed to.

The parliamentary situation, then, is as follows: Articles of Union come before our 1956 convent through Convention Resolution II, which reads: *"Be Resolved,* That the Evangelical Lutheran Church her approves and adopts the text and form of the Arti of Union submitted by the Joint Union Committee adoption by the uniting Churches at their conventi in 1956, and pledges its adherence to them and to agreements for action prior to the constituting conv tion in 1959."

We do not know what procedure our president w recommend to the convention. Two years ago, the c vention resolved itself into "The Committee of

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e," a device whereby a general discussion of the union issue was permitted. Then the resolutions put, one by one. It may, however, be that the con- on will prefer to discuss the resolutions one at a with action on each following the discussion of it. y event, there will, of course, be full opportunity cuss the WCC recommendation. Then the conven- can, if it so desires, decide on a separate ballot on le X, Section 2. If there proves to be a great deal scussion pro and con, it seems to us that that would e best procedure. As before remarked, the presiding r will no doubt suggest procedures, which the ntion may change or agree to, according to its best ment.

e have, obviously, no way of knowing what direc- the discussion of the WCC issue will take in The gelical Lutheran Church either before or at the ntion. Thus far, we have received and published communications, all from pastors of a single cir- As far as LUTHERAN HERALD is concerned, all we do is promise to make ample space available for nent discussion, hoping (vainly, perhaps?) that our spondents will not write dissertations. If we find we simply cannot make room for everything we ve, we shall make an honest attempt to allocate equally to each side.

e are certain comments we would like to make rding the provisions of Article X, Section 2. Having e them, it is our present intention not to comment her editorially.

) The suggested procedure is recommended by the t Union Committee with utter sincerity. We have d it stated by some opponents of WCC that the t Union Committee has deliberately decided to get new Church into WCC "by the backdoor." To that answer is that it is not that kind of men who make he Joint Union Committee. It is the conviction of committee that its recommendation is fair and st. We hope that there will be no impugning of orthy motives in the discussion.

2) We do not believe that it should be taken for ted that "once in, always in" will be the result of oting the "tentative" or "preliminary" membership vided for in the Articles of Union. If, as we are re- edly told, there is still a large majority of people in the ELC who oppose membership; and if it is true, as these same folks tell us, that there are many people in the ALC who would sooner be out of the WCC than in, then it appears to us that there is an excellent chance that a full and free discussion before the 1961 convention of the new Church will make it likely that membership in the WCC will be terminated.

(3) Let no one in the ELC believe that, union or none, we can avoid a reconsideration of our 1948 vote on membership in the WCC. It is our belief that the attitude of a very great many has changed in this regard. Even if union negotiations had never been begun, the ELC would have had to face the question again, in 1956, or in 1958, or in 1960. We are quite frank to state that we wish the discussion could have been completely separated from the union discussion. That, however, as matters developed, could not be.

(4) If what we have thus far written is correct, we hope that it may persuade at least some of the opponents of membership in the WCC to confine their discussion to the *procedures* recommended in Article X, rather than to the entire question of the supposed merits and demerits of the World Council of Churches. What we mean is that we would like to see a full dress discussion of the WCC avoided if it is at all possible. We incline to believe that the question before us is a good deal simpler than that. Assuming that the issue has to be faced—and that may be assumed without any doubt whatever—is it not best to face it as one body, when the proponents and opponents of the World Council will have as their audience the entire membership of the new Church, rather than only a segment of it?

Let us make this altogether clear: We do not mean that there is any compelling reason why those who feel that the suggested procedure is not good should not insinuate into the discussion a full-dress rehearsal of why they oppose the World Council of Churches. As far as LUTHERAN HERALD is concerned, we feel that, in such a case, we are compelled to open our columns to a repetition of the endless discussion of 1948. It is certain that if the discussion is to be on this basis, those who are in favor of membership will not let their point of view go by default. The result will be a demand for space which will tend to exclude subjects in connection with the convention which we feel are of much greater importance.

We realize that we have written with great frankness, and for that we have no apologies to offer. Ever since the union negotiations began, we have hoped that it would not be necessary for the Church to occupy itself with plowing again the ground which it did in 1948. We still hope so. On the other hand, if that cannot be avoided, all we can do is to pledge ourselves to exercise the greatest editorial fairness of which we are capable.

With the Escort of Angels

Harold B. Kildahl

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 1956

Text: Luke 1:26-38

Escorted by angels, punctuated by the rhythmic cadence of heaven, the words of eternity sped through illimitable space and found the listening ear and the believing heart of a willing maid. Heaven pierced through, and the promise, uttered long years before, sought its fulfillment.

As so often when God would identify His only begotten Son, angels escorted His words. It was thus on the eve of Christ's birth when the angelic host, alerted to the profound news of salvation for men, announced His coming. It was thus when He was on the mountain, transfigured before the watching eyes of chosen men. It was thus when He was baptized and a voice was heard to say: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." This was the Father's way of leaving nothing to chance, nothing to conjecture, nothing to doubt or speculation. He would identify Christ and write a record for all men and all generations of men to see.

Here is a mystery beyond man's understanding. One cannot penetrate the mind of God, nor understand His ways. One cannot probe through the words that come with the escort of angels and clearly understand how it came about. This is not for men. Not understanding! But faith—faith is for men. Faith in the Father who chose a maid—faith in the words He spoke—faith in the promise He offered—faith in the fulfillment—this is for men, for you and for me. And a pattern is clearly revealed. It is the pattern of the listening maid, the willing Mary.

It is to take the course that heaven requires and by the grace of God go through, wherever the hand of God may lead. It were well for the progress of the Christian church if there were more men of earth who followed in that company.

She, Mary, would bear a Son. She would go through even to the shadows of sorrow that lay beyond. She would follow a cross one day, and in her heart know that this too was the Father's way of winning the souls of men. The words of long before, escorted by angels, punctuated by the rhythmic cadence of heaven, would always ring within her heart; and trusting in the word she would know that "what our Father doeth He doeth well."

The words are yours too, my friend. Believe—and be blessed. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Ov

Good taste may be a difficult term to define, y plays a crucial role in our ministry of music. As said previously, it also is a serious factor in every p of church work. A service program has to be organi it should be balanced and pitched like a piece of And the thrilling fact is that we are all potential a in this matter. Those who perform the program, as as those who create the setting, are involved. But all confronted with this subject of taste, or lack of t

Are the flowers on the altar tastefully arranged the pastor a harmonious part of the setting, or i running hither and yon without concern for the pict or the mood he is disturbing? Is the organist pou out his untempered sentimentality on the whole s with the tremolo stop wide open? Is part of the prog dressed in dignified, uplifting, churchly tone, only be dragged down again into the mud by the injec of crude vaudeville strains, musically or otherw Where is the artist's sense of unity? How about whole atmosphere of the sanctuary? The attitude sense of reverence of the worshipers? How about beautiful hymn text that is wedded to Tin Pan A music and served with abandon? Is there a norm might help us out of this quagmire?

It took ages to hammer out norms. Good taste is result of much knowledge, experience, hard work, constant awareness of spiritual factors and conce The church musician must walk with his God, t inventory of his calling, and grow in imagination understanding of the issues of life. Every choir m ber, adult and child, must be taught to be interpre and promoters of the great powers which have promp our Christian faith. In this all-important mission, su nothing less than good taste can be recommended; "good taste is appropriate taste." We have been gi capacities that they might be cultivated and used. I invites us to the great adventure—to grow in grace good taste. Whatever we do or say is to be in harm with the occasion and the objectives to be implemen

There is a breathtaking beauty in the harmony God's universe, in the co-ordination between each t element. This is our ideal. And again, "trifles m perfection, but perfection is no trifle." It makes a difference when there is obvious lack of harmony tween text and tune in a hymn; when the sermon, any other part of the service, disturbs the balance the whole. Our chief reason for being born is to sh forth the glory of God. This great calling demands total endowment, our best in every way.

he Office f Tenebrae

Frank Pooler

y Communion with the Office of Tenebrae on undy Thursday evening is worthy of observance in churches, not only for its own sake, but for the it affords in making more meaningful the great nificance of Good Friday and Easter.

he service outlined below is an adaptation of an early rth century office in which there is a solemn ob- rance of the Holy Communion. The distinguishing ure is the symbolic extinguishing of lighted candles nifying the approach of our Lord's death.

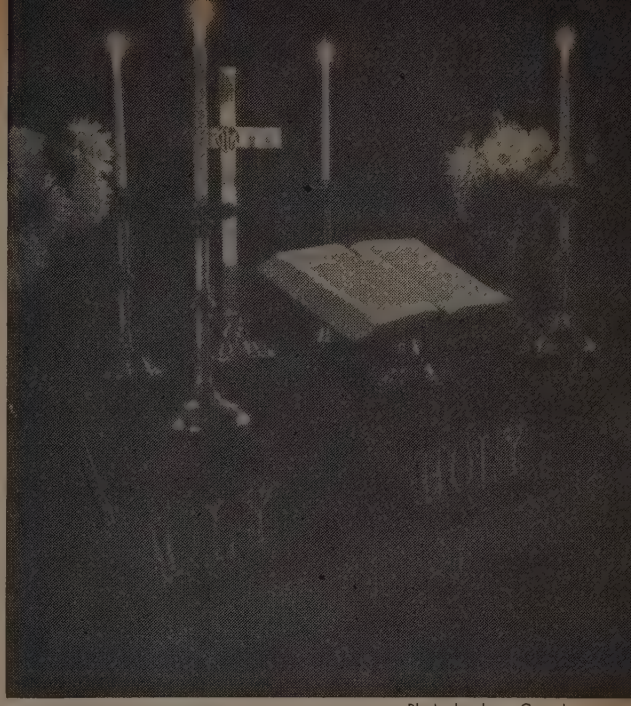
he congregation should enter the service silently, meditate upon the fact that it was on Maundy ursday that twelve disciples were with Jesus in the per room for the last time, and stood with Him in shadow of the cross.

ach church should follow its traditional order of vice for the Holy Communion. If a sermon is in- ded, it is recommended that the topic be "The New mmandment." The word "Maundy" is derived from Latin *mandatum,* or "commandment," and has ref- nce to the incident in the upper chamber when Jesus ve the New Commandment: "Love one another as I ve loved you."

When the Communion Service is concluded, the scrip- es telling the story of the first Maundy Thursday ght are read in order. The eight readers (in many tances the deacons of the church) may either stand the chancel facing the congregation, or may be seated ound a table in this part of the church. If a table is ed, it can be placed in position during the organ inter- le following Communion. As each reader finishes his ipture, he extinguishes the lighted candle which he s brought to the chancel until, finally, the church is darkness except for the single great candle on the ar. After a brief, silent interval, the pastor extinguishes s remaining light. The gradual extinguishing of the hts is symbolic of the flight of the disciples, the ap- oach of the dark hate of Christ's enemies, and the ssion of our Lord. The moment of total darkness calls the days that our Lord was in the tomb.

After a brief period of total darkness, the pastor re- hts the single central candle which is symbolic of e prophecy of Easter soon to dawn.

The organ meditations interpret the devotional sig- ficance of the passion, from the hour of fellowship in e upper room to the hour of loneliness in the garden. he church organist is, of course, free to substitute her appropriate material for the selections listed below. is suggested that no postlude be played and that silence e observed by worshipers until they have left the church.



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A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION WITH THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

HOLY COMMUNION

Organ Interlude "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"
Hans Leo Hassler
Arr. F. M. Christiansen-Cassler

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHURCH LIGHTS

Shadow of the Betrayal	Matthew 26:20-25
Shadow of the Desertion	Matthew 26:31-35
Organ Meditation	"O Darkest Woe!" German Melody Arr. Christiansen-Cassler
Agony of Soul	Luke 22:39-44
Unshared Vigil	Mark 14:32-41
Organ Meditation	"Lord Jesus, by Thy Passion" Concordia Hymnal 171
"Father, the Hour Is Come"	John 17:1-6
"That They May Be One"	John 17:15-22
Organ Meditation	"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" Concordia Hymnal 192
Arrest at the Gate	John 18:1-5
Shadow of the Cross	Mark 15:16-20
Organ Meditation	"O World, See Here Suspended" Concordia Hymnal 179

Darkness

RELIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND
THE LORD'S PRAYER
BENEDICTION

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Mission Advance in Formosa

The Lutheran Mission in Formosa is one, united body composed of eight different mission organizations and Churches. During the past year the Rev. Arne Sovik, the superintendent of the joint mission, left to accept a call to the Lutheran World Federation, Division of World Missions, in Geneva. He reports for the first half of 1955, and the Rev. Herman Bly, who was elected to succeed him, reports on the last half of the year.

Report by Arne Sovik

The past year is one in which the attention of the whole world has been focussed on Taiwan (Formosa). We who live here have received a good deal of undeserved sympathy. Fortunately, recent months have given renewed promise of quiet in this part of the world.

Within our own work the outstanding fact is the growth of the Church in maturity as it has grown in numbers. In November, 1954, an assembly of delegates from the various individual congregations met, accepted a constitution, and established the Taiwan Lutheran Church. Thus our Churches are now taking their first steps in self-government on a general as well as a local level. A major problem of the present is the establishment of a pattern by which the program which has been the responsibility of the Mission shall now step by step devolve upon the Church.

The statistics for 1954 indicate the rapid growth of the work last year. Since the new year began, work has expanded both in Tainan and in the Hsinchu district with the opening of new preaching places.

The question of expansion into Taiwanese language work still intrigues and baffles us. Experience this past year does not give much encouragement for any hope to reach the Taiwanese in large numbers in the Mandarin language or even through a bi-lingual program. Yet we cannot escape the challenge that lies before us of the large areas, mostly rural, of Amoy and Hakka-speaking people who are unevangelized, nor the fact that if the Lutheran Church is to establish itself on this island, it must somehow bridge the gap between the two population groups.

Report by Herman Bly

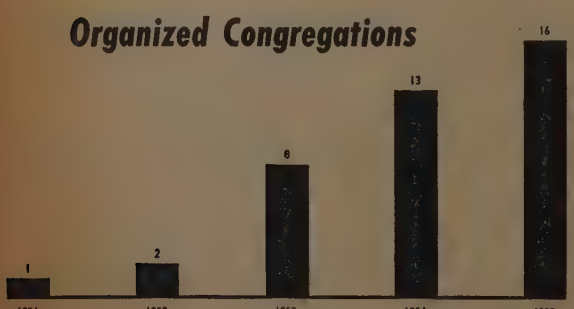
There are many things during the past year for whi the Mission should thank our Lord. Among these would like to mention continued peace and opportuni for work, increase in working staff, both Chinese a foreign, healing for those who have been ill, prospe of more workers coming this fall, and God's blessi upon the work so that souls have been saved. The has been growth and expansion.

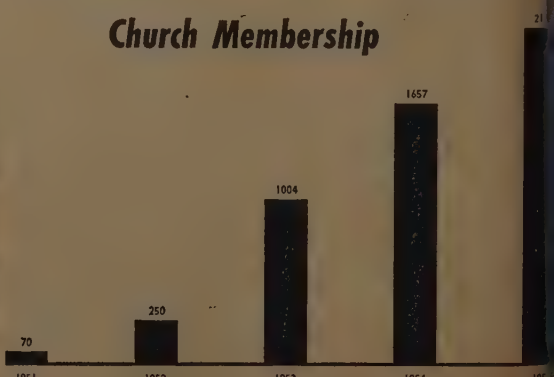
The work has gone forward. I shall not take time this brief report to give the details of what has be done. Statistical reports can only show a part of o progress. We are glad that what the Holy Spirit h accomplished in the hearts of men through the preac ing of the Word, through prayer, through personal co tacts, and through the study of the Word, goes f beyond statistics.

Yet we are glad for what numbers show. The repo for 1954 showed that in that year the membership almo doubled. The same encouraging increase has been se for 1955. Since the last conference, churches have be completed and dedicated at Kangshan, Taichung, Ta pei, and, most recently, Chutung. New work has be opened in Tainan and Fengshan, and in the Hsinch Taipei, and Keelung areas. There has also been advan in the radio ministry, student evangelism, and in tran lation of Sunday school material.

The recent ordination of Peter Chou to the minist brought the number of active Chinese pastors to fiv With one of the most experienced now in Americ the Church is left with few and rather inexperience leaders. They need our sincere help and guidance.

GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN FORMOSA:





lission Advance in Madagascar

O. L. Hofstad

mission work in Madagascar has gone forward all g the line in 1955. Our relationship with the local inistration has been most congenial. We extend thanks to the government authorities for the many iderations shown us during the year. To the mem- of our Home Board also go our thanks for their y acts of kindness and for their loyal support in ur undertakings. Above all we thank our heavenly er for His protecting care and for the many bless- that we enjoyed dur- the year.

ork has been carried t all our stations with usual happy as well disappointing experi- s. Not all the seed h has fallen on good ind. In parts of the the soil is hard and Word does not take as we would like to it do. The result is we are likely to be- e discouraged. We to see the fruits of labors. Yet in these es there is hope that lue season there will harvest time.

other places we have great numbers added he Church through aggressive evangelism native pastors, evan- sts, and congregation members working together the missionaries. This type of witness from village illage and the beginning of new work in pagan ges through garderies (schools) and churches has especially encouraging.

he two Bible schools have been functioning about sual. During December, nine men were graduated the Ambovombe school. At the Fort Dauphin e school the graduation will take place at the end he present school year. There are more seniors this than we have had for some years. In connection our Bible schools there is a question if the time not come when we should begin thinking in terms perating these schools, not solely with the idea of turning out catechists, but with the idea of training men who can go back to their home congregations as lay leaders.

The Boys' School at Manantantely has been taking on a new look during the year, and I know that we all appreciate this. We need no longer feel ashamed of the place as far as appearance is concerned. The decision to take in girls has proved to be a good venture. It is now our hope that our request for government aid for the building of a dormitory will meet with approval so that they may be better accommodated. A request for aid toward the building of both a dormitory and a new classroom building was sent in the first part of December.

A catechist teaches his son.

A new venture during the past year was that of conducting a Youth Leadership course. This was conducted at Amboasary during the month of August. It was a successful undertaking and should be continued.

Two churches have been dedicated during the past year. The new church at Taviala was dedicated on Sunday, April 3. This is a plain, simple building, well constructed of cement blocks. Much of the work had been done by the congregation, so it was a big day for these people when their church was dedicated to the Lord.

On Sunday, September 25, it was our privilege to dedicate the large, well-built church at Amboasary. The day was made especially festive by the fact that Dr. Syrdal could be with us that day to preach the dedication sermon. We have now at Amboasary one of our largest congregations. Although the new church is large, it does not provide room for all who come to attend services.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hest

TOWARD PALM SUNDAY

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

The Gospel: Matthew 2

Monday, March 19
THE MIND

Read Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus.

Action always depends upon what you have, or do not have, in mind. What you have in mind depends on what you allow to stay there and develop. We are told that in each "frame" of time, which may be less than a tenth of a second, a thousand impressions can bombard the mind. Very few of these impressions, of course, are taken into the mind. But we can regulate our minds in such a way that it will receive "with open arms" certain impressions, while it rules out others.

Christ had a mind which was consecrated to the will of God. As a result He was a consecrated, humble servant. It is this mind that we must seek to have. And what we have in mind will show in action. It does not drive you to get, it compels you to give. It does not serve self, it looks to others. It is the servant-mind, attuned to Christ and thoughtful of all men.

Give me the mind of Christ, dear God, that I may glorify Him. Amen.

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Tuesday, March 20
A GOOD SIGNPOST

Read John 3:25-30

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

John was a good pointer because he pointed away from himself and to Christ. He was a good signpost because he did not call attention to himself but to his message. He had a great message and it pointed to Christ. John worked to get himself out of the picture so that Christ could move in. He wanted himself to be nothing and Christ to be all.

Among us today, as ever, this is the way the scales must go. We must become less and less and Christ must become more and more. That does not mean that we count for nothing. God says that we do have great importance. But it means that once we become Christians we become message bearers and pointers, and we are to point to Christ. We have no accomplishments to brag about. Somehow, we must keep saying we owe it all to God. "By His grace," is what we mean. To that God and His Son, and His mercy and love, we want to point with our lives. God help us.

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Wednesday, March 21
ANNOUNCEMENT

Read Isaiah 62:10-12

Say to the daughter of Zion, "Be your salvation comes. . . ."

And it was shouted the day Jesus riding into Jerusalem to go into His sion and suffering. Some of the p quoted the Word of the prophets. many really understood that day, a is true that many people changed minds before the week was over turned against the King who brought vation. Even so, Christ did lay down life and thus brought salvation.

Today the announcement goes out all the world. It is not only to "daughter of Zion" the Word is prea but to people of every race. Doe bring any results? Yes. Many people hearing that there *is* salvation. The a way out of the dark. And they believing it.

May we never go "dead" in brin this message. God help us as individ and as the Church, to say it with earn ness and zeal. For here is the annou ment that brings everlasting life.

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Thursday, March 22
DEMONSTRATION

Read John 12:12-16

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel."

Much has been said about this scene at the Bethany gate of Jerusalem. We have been reminded how easy it is to put on a big demonstration, to go all out while the spiritual temperature is way up. And then, how easy it is to cool off again, and even do a turn-about.

But let us remember that among those who stood there that day were some who did mean what they were saying and doing. They didn't cool off again, and they didn't do a right-about-face. They believed in the King, and remained faithful to Him. They did their best demonstrating in the days that followed.

This is the best demonstration any believer can give. This is the one that counts, and the one that gives true glory to Christ. How we show our faith in the experiences of every day matters greatly. God help us to demonstrate our faith.

Friday, March 23
THE CONQUEROR

Read Isaiah 53:10-12

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong. . . .

These are words that belong to a King. And of a King they are speaking, indeed. The words that go before describe this King and how He earned His position. By lowliness and humility, by suffering for human sin, by laying down His life for man. Now He is King of Kings.

The big question for each of us to answer is whether He is our King. Has He conquered me so that I am His subject? He has conquered for me, I know full well. Not a thing am I able to conquer for myself. And if I am ready to admit that, then I am ready to admit that He must conquer me so that I am under Him entirely.

The king question is one that must be settled. For as long as there is a ruler other than Christ there is no right relation with the Kingdom of God. How good it is to be in the Kingdom! How good it is to serve Christ who has conquered all, and to send men forth in loving service.

Saturday, March 24
TO THE CROSS—AND GLOR

Read John 12:20-23

And Jesus answered them, "The h has come for the Son of man to be gl fied. Truly, truly, I say to you, unle grain of wheat falls into the earth dies, it remains alone; but if it dies bears much fruit."

To others the events coming up in last days of Jesus' life may have loo like tragedy. They may have appeared be the sad ending of an unsuccessful tempt to change men's lives and thi ing. But not to Christ. All of the bit ness and shame, all of the agony and row were to become His glory. He going into it willingly, and for the s of mankind.

That is exactly why we give glory God today. And that is why the c stands on our altars as a symbol. It minds us of Christ who died, whose de bore for us the fruit of salvation. I also it reminds us that we must die u sin and that we may be made alive u righteousness.

To God be praise and glory. Am

lere and There on the Christian Front

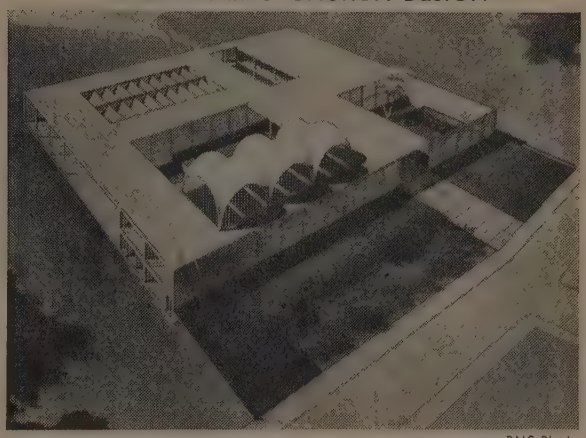
Edited by Raymond M. Olson

IVAL AMONG UNG MARRIED COUPLES

ung married couples are the back- e of America's religious revival, rding to Rabbi Julius Mark of v York. "People have had the feel- that there is something lacking in r lives," he said. "This feeling is cially strong among younger mar- couples who are anxious to give r children a religious education ch they themselves did not have. s most interesting to see that it is v the younger people who are most rested in religion and a return to church."

He added that the trend towards the urbs also has contributed towards religious revival. "In the suburbs church plays a more important part n it does in the cities," he said.

PRIZE-WINNING CHURCH DESIGN



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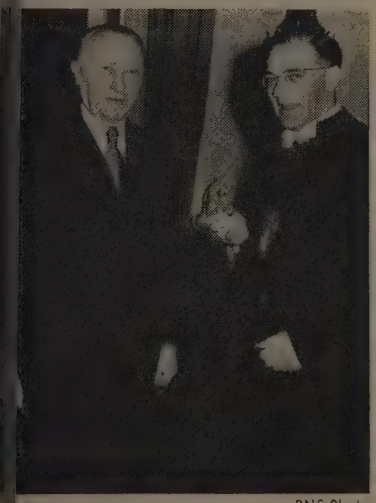
This sketch of the proposed Grace Lutheran Church, Teaneck, N. J., brought one of the Award Citations for its designer in the third annual design Awards Program sponsored by Progressive Architecture, national magazine published in New York. The striking, modern structure was designed by Paul Schweikher, chairman of Yale University's department of architecture. Included in the large walled enclosure are a main sanctuary, a small chapel, and a school with gymnasium and cafeteria.

KID ARMED FORCES BISHOP



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. Herman Kunst of Bonn was named by e Council of the Evangelical Church in rmany (EKID) as military bishop to the w West German Armed Forces. He is own with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of est Germany. Dr. Kunst, 49, has been ison officer of the EKID with the West rman government since 1950 and will ntinue in that post. Under an informal reement with the government, pastoral re for soldiers will be completely civilian character and remain entirely in the hands the churches. Clergymen assigned to the aplaincy will not wear uniforms or in- gnia of rank.

GERMAN MEMO COMMENDS LWF MEMBERSHIP

The "American Lutheran," an independent monthly published by members of the Missouri Synod, has devoted its January issue to a follow-up on its earlier challenge to a three-man committee which has decided to recommend to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that it should not join the Lutheran World Federation. More than half its editorial content was allotted to the question, because it was "concerned that its readers and all members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod make up their minds only after hearing both sides."

In addition to a favorable editorial on the LWF, the magazine printed three documents—Article III of the LWF's constitution, in both English and German, dealing with nature and purpose of the LWF; the substance of the report on the basis of which the Missouri Synod is being urged not to join the federation; and the substance of a 15,000 word memorandum on the LWF prepared by two German Lutheran theologians.

The memo—a detailed theological analysis of the aims and functions of the LWF—was written by Prof. Ernst Kinder of the Theological Faculty of the University of Muenster-in-Westphalia and Prof. W. von Krause of the Augustana Divinity School at Neuendettelsau. The magazine pointed out that the memo of these "solidly conservative and biblically loyal" scholars came to conclusions "diametrically opposed to those of the 3-Man Report."

CREDIT UNIONS

Members of Protestant congregations in North and South America organized 39 new credit unions last year, the Credit Union National Association has reported. This brought to 234 the total of credit unions in Protestant congregations in the two continents. Credit unions are owned and operated under state or federal charter by members having a common bond—such as religious affiliation or community residence—who pool their savings and lend to each other at low interest rates.

A total of 89 new credit unions were organized last year by members of Roman Catholic parishes in North and South America, the Association stated. This brings to 923 the number of Catholic parish credit unions in these

two continents. The past president of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference praised credit unions as "agencies which help make the common man master of his economic destiny," and said that several priests have been leaders in the credit union movement in the mission field.

WANT COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR REBUKED

The National Association of Evangelicals has called upon the State Department to rebuke the Colombian ambassador to the United States, Dr. Don Francisco Urrutia Holguin, for a "totally false" statement he is alleged to have made concerning the character of an American missionary. The missionary is the Rev. Julius A. de Gruyter of Charleston, W. Va., who reportedly suffered violence at the hands of Colombian police last October.

In a letter to Secretary of State Dulles, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of Washington Affairs for the NAE quoted the ambassador as saying, "It was learned that when the Rev. de Gruyter was attacked, he was in a saloon with two persons who were shouting insults and slander against the national government and the Catholic clergy." Dr. Taylor said, "This statement is totally false and insults Mr. de Gruyter by leaving the direct impression that he and his companions were in the habit of frequenting saloons. It also implies—and this is even more serious—that the Protestant missionary approach in Colombia is negative, antagonistic, and anti-Catholic."

"Protestants in Colombia," Dr. Taylor said, "desire only that they be granted the freedom of their religious convictions and the liberty to act in accord with the Scriptural mandate to share the Gospel with others."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Premier David Ben Gurion announced in the parliament that the government is setting up a special committee to investigate missionary activities in Israel. He said it will formulate recommendations for the parliamentary committee on education and culture. . . . In Louisiana, four state representatives urged the legislature to enact laws that would prevent racial integration in private schools. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of New Orleans has announced plans for desegregation in the parochial schools of the archdiocese, with integration indicated as coming after September, 1956. . . . A concc dance of the Revised Standard Versi of the Bible is being prepared by UNIVAC computer that has be "taught" the Scriptures. The thir years it once took James Strong compile his Exhaustive Concordance the Bible, published in 1894, now w be reduced to 120 hours, with ele tronics as the reducing agent. . . . large number of witnesses have tes fied before the Senate and House Cor mittees in favor of several bills pr posing a ban on alcoholic beverage a vertising in radio, television and n tional magazines. It was called t strongest Protestant representation a single issue in Washington in t last 20 years. . . . Jordanian offici have indefinitely postponed the ele tion of a successor to Greek Orthod Patriarch Timotheos, who died recer ly, because of tensions between t higher and lower clergy. The hierarch wants a Greek in the office, while t priesthood wants an Arab.

NEW AFRICAN AUTONOMOUS CHURCH

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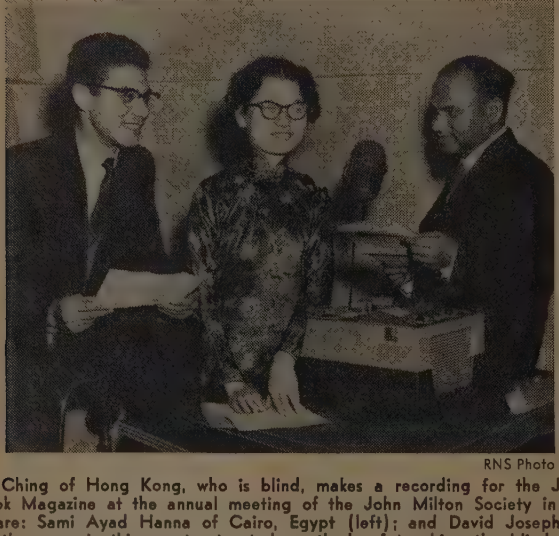
Top leaders involved in the organization the autonomous Presbyterian Church East Africa leave St. Andrew's Chur Nairobi, Kenya Colony, after ceremonies which it was established. Front row are: L George David Henderson of Aberde Moderator of the Church of Scotland (left and the Rev. R. G. M. Calderwood, fi Moderator of the United Church. Behi them are: The Rev. Charles Muhoro, juni clerk of the new African Church (left); a the Rev. David Steel, senior clerk. The bo comprises the former (native) Presbyteri Church of East Africa and the Scotti Church's Overseas Presbytery of Ken Colony.

RECORDING FOR THE BLIND



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Miss Lucy Ching of Hong Kong, who is blind, makes a recording for the John Milton Talking Book Magazine at the annual meeting of the John Milton Society in New York. With her are: Sami Ayad Hanna of Cairo, Egypt (left); and David Joseph of Tricho, India. The three are in this country to study methods of teaching the blind. They came here under scholarships arranged by the society, an agency dedicated to aiding the blind and sponsored by more than 50 Protestant denominations. In addition to the Talking Book Magazine, it publishes recorded Sunday school lessons and three Braille periodicals. Miss Helen Keller, president of the society for 24 years, was re-elected at the meeting.

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SHINGTON SEMINAR FOR DENTS SCHEDULED

seventh annual Washington Semi- for Lutheran Students will be held first four days in Holy Week, ch 25-28. It will be sponsored by Division of Public Relations of the ional Lutheran Council and the artment of Public Relations of the heran Church—Missouri Synod. dents attending will be from theo- cal seminaries, deaconess training ools, and Lutheran and non-Luther- colleges and universities.

he purposes of the seminar are to rve the federal government in op- ion, to discuss current issues, to ify the relationship of Christian lers to government in a democracy, to appreciate the role of Christians ublic life.

uotas have been established as fol- s: six students from each theological inary; and one student from each heran college and deaconess train- school. Last year's seminar was at- ded by 165 students.

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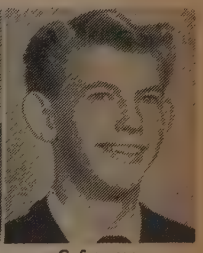

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REPORT ON LEAF

Central Lutheran Church, Oakland, California, became the pilot project of a very significant scholarship program in The Evangelical Lutheran Church. When the Lutheran Educational Aid Fund was launched by the Church, Central Lutheran was the first congregation to grant a LEAF scholarship under the leadership of the Rev. Alf M. Kraabel who was then its pastor. Today seven young people have received the benefits of a Christian education, aided by a concerned and interested congregation.

The young man who received the first award in 1952 was Spencer Aust, Jr., who is now in his fourth year at Pacific Lutheran College.

In 1953, Miss Margaret Solum received a full-tuition scholarship, and in 1954, Miss JoAnn Jackson was the recipient. They are attending Pacific Lutheran College.

At the congregational meeting in January, 1955, it was brought to the attention of the congregation that there were several young people outstanding in character, leadership, and ability who were deserving of the aid and encouragement of the congregation. It was voted to set aside $1,200.

Four students made application, and they were each given a LEAF scholarship in the amount of $300. These were: Miss Carol Bertrand, Mr. Robert Bills, Mr. George Lovtang, and Mr. Clell Swanson, Jr. All of these students are in attendance at Pacific Lutheran.

At the International Young People's Luther League Convention in San Francisco, Miss Bertrand received a $150 scholarship from the WMF LEAF fund, and Mr. Bills received a $150 scholarship from Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company.

For the fiscal year 1956, $1,200 has again been allocated for LEAF in the budget of the church. The Reverend Walter Gravrock is pastor of Central Lutheran Church in Oakland.

PRESENTATION OF 1955 LEAF AWARDS AT CENTRAL LUTHERAN, OAKLAND

ated) Mr. Richard P. Copperud, Chairman of Scholarship Committee (Standing, left right) Pastor Walter Gravrock; Mrs. Clifford Lerud, President of California District MF; Mr. Clinton Bell, Jr., local Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Agent; Robert Bills; ol Bertrand; George Lovtang. (Not in picture—Clell Swanson, Jr.)

Toward the General Convention

NOTICE TO CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT

There will be a special meeting of the Eastern District on Friday, June 22, 1956, at 4:30 p.m., in Central Lutheran Church (immediately after the afternoon session of the Biennial Convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church recesses) for the purpose of electing a president to fill the office left vacant by the death of President F. I. Schmidt.

FREDRIK A. SCHIOTZ, President
The Evangelical Lutheran Church

M. C. AUSTINSON, Acting President
HOOVER GRIMSBY, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS BY CONGREGATIONS

VINJE CHURCH, WILLMAR, MINN.

Be It Resolved, That the congregation of Vinje Lutheran Church be alerted to the proposed merger of four Lutheran bodies: The Evangelical Lutheran Church, the American Lutheran Church, the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Lutheran Free Church; and

That this being the merger year, *Be It Resolved,* That the congregation of Vinje Lutheran Church with prayers to God seek that His will be done in this significant movement toward the unification of Lutherans in America.

Be It Likewise Noted, That a ballot vote will be taken this year on the question of the merger, which has been in progress and preparation for these past several years, as a climaxing event in this matter.

Be It Resolved also, That the Church Council of Vinje Lutheran take steps toward keeping the congregation informed on the actions being taken, and that efforts be made here in order that the merger may proceed with all smoothness.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, VERNDALE, MINN.

(1) The Lutheran Church recognizes no geographical boundaries in its Kingdom work. Therefore: no such boundaries should be implied in its name.

(2) The Lutheran Church is fundamentally an *Evangelical* Church. Therefore this designation should be included in its name.

THAT NAME AGAIN!

Shades of the 1930's and 1940's! Here we go again!

Why all this fuss and excitement about the proposed name for the merged Church? Some folks seem to think that the name is more important than the salvation of souls!

What is wrong with the proposed name? We h become a distinctively American Church. The Church will not be Norwegian; it will not be Germ it will not be Danish; it will be in every respect Am can.

Back in the early 30's I was instructing a class o adults. One member of that group was Dane; one Norwegian; the rest were of many national b grounds. The day before Confirmation, an elderly m ber of my church accosted me on the street with t words: "Reverend, you are not going to take those ple into the congregation tomorrow, are you?" In prise I answered, "Of course we are; why?" To wh came the reply, "We don't want those people in congregation; they aren't Norwegians!"

Thank God, the spirit of narrow provincialism (we hope!) largely disappeared from the Ameri church scene.

And what about the word "evangelical" which s people insist should be in the new Church? I ask it necessary? It should be taken for granted in a theran Church that it is evangelical. If it isn't evan ical, it does not deserve to be called Lutheran.

(The Rev.) J. C. Thompso
Nelson, Wisconsin

CONGREGATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

I have now carefully studied the proposed Constituti Bylaws and Articles of Union of the proposed Am can Lutheran Church. I cannot resist the temptation write you a few words stating my personal reaction them. All of them are a marvelous demonstration of fertility of human brains.

It is well understood by all of us that the congregat is the sovereign unit in our Church. This sovereig is apparently slowly fading away. The district conv tions are the only conventions to which the congregatio can elect and instruct delegates; still the Articles Union provide specifically that very important matt shall *not* be referred to the districts for approval or d approval (Art. X).

EDITOR'S NOTE

Following a custom of a number of years standing, we are herewith inaugurating our biennial department, "Toward the General Convention." In it we shall group all material, official and unofficial, bearing on the forthcoming Biennial Convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Official documents will, obviously, have to be given the highest priority. Beyond that, we shall attempt to publish as many communications from readers on pertinent subjects as we can find room for.

ne only question so far submitted to the congrega- is the location of headquarters of the proposed C, but the question of Merger or No Merger is not mitted to these sovereign units, the congregations.

annot help feeling that if the whole of this report he Joint Union Committee is accepted and approved he ELC, the congregations will have lost a great of their freedom.

hat I fear is the subrogation of the sovereignty of gregations to the will of a bureaucracy of profession- ergymen.

ternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

A. Struxness
Willmar, Minn.

TWO WALLS TO LOOK AT

"Union" still presses on and demands a decision as whether it can be consummated with satisfaction to

me are discouraged by the action taken by the heran Free Church, and some are wall-gazing to f this action will develop some onerous handwriting he walls for the remaining bodies to consider. Some gazing at the other wall to see if the larger invita- to union given by Augustana and the ULCA will lop any considerations for the bodies of the original n plans.

any writing on the wall ensues—and some believe s already there—we will have to make our judg- ts concerning the ELC according to the wonderful t we have received thus far from our negotiations their great possibilities, and our reason for accept- an invitation to merger in the first place.

Ve have carried on thus far using God's time in king wholesome meanings, and the majority is quite fident that it is of God and that union will come on edule. However, we also have a minority whose es are raised in opposition for one consideration or ther. They point to the LFC and say, "Be wary." e point to the Augustana-ULCA invitation and greater advantages in a larger pattern.

Ve should not at this juncture be discouraged about LFC nor misguided by thoughts of larger union. It uite conceivable that God has placed these extremi- before us for the strengthening of our present union ns. We are all limited by our own experience, but, a general rule, it would seem that large issues can y be settled by struggling with the extremes. Perhaps have drifted naturally into union negotiations with- allowing our sincerity to be tested in the rapids. haps we have not given enough thought to what on should mean. One gets the feeling that some are lking with shoes too tight, in need of a stretch be- se of failure to see beyond existing church structures ich are becoming time worn and too small to gauge the growing opportunities for the Church in this period of history. One gets the feeling that others are slipping about in shoes too large, much as a little boy dons Dad's shoes and tries to mature before mental processes and the Spirit allow him to grow in grace. We want a union that means more than largeness and numbers. In either case we are being measured by God according to our faith, and regardless of the salesman of either extreme we need the shoes that will fit us best in being heralds of good tidings.

Consequently, the LFC action and the Augustana-ULCA proposal should not perturb, for they serve to sharpen the minds and hearts of union-minded people to the task of interpreting correctly the handwriting on either wall according to the Spirit, and then working out the ultimate ends of what union should mean under God and in His time.

Above and beyond special considerations of advantage and disadvantage for each considering body, which could be valid if the Church of Christ were purely a temporal consideration, is the call to discipleship. The Church is not of the world; it is only here in the "meantime" to be a vessel of proclamation. The world is before us, and the Church structure that will fit us in being the most effective in the world with our proclamation is the only consideration that is valid.

We are called upon to grow beyond a harping upon special emphases as over against other emphases, that we might put special emphases to a much better use than hiding them under the bushel of a glorious past, or under the bushel of what some folk call a "better heritage." We are called upon to grow beyond the shout of loud voices that may be lost in larger pools. This is true of synods as well as individuals.

On the other hand, it would seem according to experience gained thus far in our merger negotiations that to believe that much more can be gained in a larger pattern is to disregard realism. Our hopes for uniting all Lutherans can only come step by step as Lutherans recognize more and more the value of going into various fields and areas that we do not have the faith to understand at present. In the present merger we will be entering into many fields which heretofore have been neglected, either because we did not see them, or because we did not have the potential to draw upon.

It seems that we walk on safe ground between the extremes presented to us by the latest developments. We have always been jealous of the fact that we have been able to steer a course in the middle of the road. It would seem that God were directing us according to it now.

May God direct us to positive action, and may the union mean a tapping of greater potentials to overtake all of our opportunities for the sake of Christ.

(The Rev.) Arthur O. Pedersen
Leland, Ill.

Within the E.L.C.

NOTICE

Western Union has installed at Church headquarters a Desk-Fax facsimile machine which provides a direct connection between headquarters and the telegraph office. Telegrams reach us FASTER if the street address is NOT USED, and messages are addressed as follows:

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PERSONS

The Rev. C. Blaine Gunderson, Wallingford, Iowa, has accepted a call to Lacrosse, Wash., and will move there early in June.

Harold W. Burtness, who has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Deaconess Home and Hospital, Chicago, for 23 years and president for 20, announces that he plans to retire from membership at the expiration of his term next June.

Dr. Morris Wee, pastor of Bethel Church, Madison, Wis., was the speaker during Religious Emphasis Week, Feb. 19-24, at Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station, Texas.

Among the speakers at a convocation to be held April 4-5 at the Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary will be **Dr. Warren Quanbeck** of the Luther Theological Seminary faculty, St. Paul, and **the Rev. Paul A. Qualben, M.D.,** Brooklyn. Dr. Quanbeck's subject will be "The Preacher and His Obligation to the Church," and Dr. Qualben's will be "Spiritual Resources for the Mentally Ill."

On Feb. 22, **Dr. Theodore Huggenvik,** professor of religion at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., was awarded a George Washington Honor Medal by Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., for an essay on "The American Way of Life." In 1954 he received a similar medal, and in 1955 he won a distinguished service scroll from the same Foundation.

Erik Pedersen, a senior at Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, has accepted a call from the Board of Foreign Missions to missionary service in Japan.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Janesville, Wis. First Lutheran Church recently gave a party in honor of its senior pastor, the Rev. Myron C. Austinson, in recognition of services rendered during a 14-year pastorate. The party was a pre-housewarming for the Austinson family, prior to their moving into a new home. A purse and a television set were given the Austinsons.

NEW CALIFORNIA PARSONAGE

Above is pictured the new parsonage of Faith Church, Arcata, California, a congregation established two years ago, which now has 178 members. Adjacent to the parsonage the congregation has a three and one-half acre building site, on which a first unit church will presently be erected. A $50,000 building loan is sponsored by the Badger parish in Iowa. The parsonage was dedicated Jan. 8 by the parish pastor, the Rev. Harvey Sigurdson.

Southern Minnesota

Willmar, Minn. Vinje Church voted to lend name-credit to the am of $20,000 for the purpose of provi funds for the erection of a buil for Christ Church in Glencoe, M a congregation organized about and one-half years ago; also to give Glencoe congregation a gift of $2 Pastors of Vinje Church are Paul Hanson and Johan A. Thorson.

South Dakota

Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Grace is name of a new ELC congregation ganized in this city Feb. 8. Spons by First Lutheran Church of Si Falls, and having members release it from all the ELC churches in city, it has a membership of 314. location is in the Hilltop Heights a At its first worship service, Feb. Pastor R. G. Borgwardt of First theran Church installed its pastor, Rev. Arvid E. Bidne, and its first of officers. A fifth ELC congrega in Sioux Falls is under formation another part of the city.

Bruce, S. Dak. First Luthe Church of Bruce and rural St. P Church, both of them parts of Estelline-Bruce parish, have mer into one congregation, which has c sen the name Grace and has over members. Pastor of this parish is Rev. E. A. Bersagel.

Pacific

Seattle, Wash. Having secured pledged amount of $215,000, Den Park Church, parish of the Rev. N ris W. Stoa, has decided to go ah with the erection of a new youth a education building. An addition to church to provide office and radio se ice space is already under constructi The church will also be redecorat Having gained 132 new members d ing 1955, the congregation now ha membership of 1,283. It has 389 S day school pupils.

Canada

The following vacant Canadian p ishes are being temporarily served Saskatoon seminarians: In Alberta, Provost parish by Harvey Neufeld a Ralph Odegaard; in Saskatchewan, Prince Albert parish by Erik Peder and Claude Magee; the Langham p ish by Carl Kopperud; the Hanley p ish by Kenneth Finnestad; and Leroy parish by Arthur Nelson.

Armena, Alberta. A new church been built in the village of Armena the Scandia congregation, parish of t

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHURCH DEDICATED

ed so as to provide a lookout to sea, the first-unit church of the Lutheran Church ir Saviour, San Clemente, California, was dedicated Jan. 29 by Dr. Gaylerd Falde, ent of the California District. Among the clergymen participating in the dedication e was Dr. Philip S. Dybvig, ELC Home Mission director. The nave of the church seats he structure has also educational and other functional facilities. The congregation, ized two years ago, has 210 members and has been self-supporting since its organi-. Its pastor is the Rev. Louis C. Smith.

Joseph Rostad, to replace its for-rural church which was destroyed re last year. Owing to the great nt of volunteer labor, the cost of ruction has been held at $20,000.

UARIES

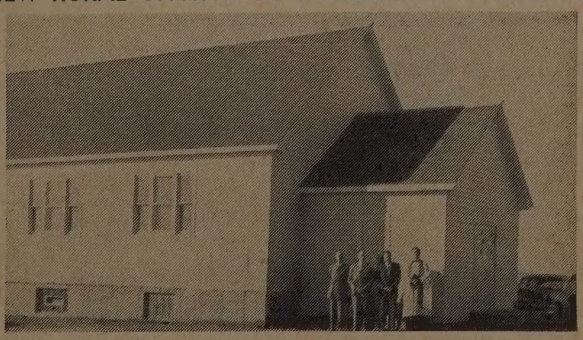
The Rev. Lars P. Qualben

e Rev. Dr. Lars P. Qualben, pas-of Zion Church, Staten Island, Y., died early Monday morning, 20th, as a result of injuries re-d in an automobile accident the ng before, when the car in which as a passenger was hit by a police nswering an emergency call. Dr. ben was on his way to fill a hing appointment in Our Sav-s Church in Brooklyn when the ent happened. He died after rgoing neurological surgery in a klyn Hospital. Funeral services place Feb. 23 at his church on n Island, the Rev. C. O. Pedersen officiating. Dr. Qualben was born Dec. 8, 1891, in Stavanger, Norway and immigrated in 1912. After receiving his B.A. degree in 1918 at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn., he was graduated from Augsburg Theological Seminary in 1921. M.A., Columbia University, 1924; Ph.D., Hartford Theological Seminary, 1923; Th.D., Hartwick Seminary, 1940; post graduate work at University of Copenhagen and Biblical Seminary, N. Y. Served as professor of New Testament, Augsburg Seminary, 1926-28, and as professor of Theology, St. Olaf College, 1928-34. Pastor of Zion Church, Staten Island, N. Y., since 1934. Served for several years as instructor at Hartwick Seminary; and was for many years president of the ELC Atlantic Circuit. He held memberships in the National Educational Association and in the American Society of Church Historians. Among books written by him may be especially mentioned: **A History of the Christian Church** (translated into Chinese), and **The Lutheran Church in Colonial America.** He is survived by his wife, nee Olga Ostlie, and three sons: the Rev. Paul A. Qualben, M.D.; the Rev. L. Philip Qualben; and James, student at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

The Rev. G. A. Peterson

The Rev. Gerhard A. Peterson, from 1942 to 1951 executive secretary of the Zion Society for Israel, died in Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 25, 64 years of age. Funeral services were held at Our Redeemer Church, Minneapolis, Feb. 28; burial took place at Lisbon, Ill. Pastor Peterson was born Dec. 13, 1891, at Jewell, Iowa, to the Rev. N. G. Peterson and his wife Julia, nee Anderson. B.A. from St. Olaf College in 1916. C.T. from Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, 1919. He also studied a year in Norway, and 1936-37 at Biblical Seminary, New York. He served the following pastorates: Rosholt, Wis., 1919-23; Moscow, Idaho, 1923-26; Central in Spokane, Wash., 1926-29; Our Savior in Milwaukee, Wis., 1929-38; Ottawa Ill., 1938-42. After nine years of service as executive secretary of the Zion Society for Israel (toward the end of the period also as area director of the Christian Approach to the Jews,

NEW RURAL CHURCH IN WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA



East Fork-Bethania Church, near Marmon, N. Dak., has recently changed its name to Faith Lutheran Church. This congregation is the result of a merger in 1953 of two congregations, East Fork and Bethania. It is part of the Zahl parish, served by the Rev. Maynard J. Larson. After the merger the congregation built a new church, shown in the accompanying picture which was taken at the cornerstone laying last fall by Dr. Casper Nervig.

National Lutheran Council), he resigned because of poor health. In 1919 he married Marie Tangjerd, who survives him, together with a son and two grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE

"The Shepherding Plan" has been revised. The new edition of this pamphlet can be secured from the Division of Evangelism, 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis at 7c per copy or 75c per dozen copies.

St. Paul Circuit WMF will meet April 9 in Immanuel Church, St. Paul, Minn. Speakers: Mesdames Peter Fossum, Kenneth Norlie, and Oscar Branstad.

Texas Circuit WMF will meet April 15 in Trinity Church, Fort Worth. Speaker: Mrs. Oscar Branstad.

Wanted: One to ten copies of **Frydetoner.** May be sent by express, collect, or postage will be refunded. Also: one used ¾ h.p. motor and other equipment useful in a hobby shop. Write Story City Old People's Home, Story City, Iowa.

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Aberdeen Circuit WMF will meet April 25 at Bethlehem Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak. Speaker, the Rev. John M. Mason.

Thief River Falls WMF will meet May 8 at Trinity Church, Thief River Falls, Minn. Speaker: the Rev. Harold Olson.

Wanted: Used band instruments: double B flat sousaphone; cornets; trombones. Contact Mrs. Elroy Tidemann, Baltic, S. Dak.

The new Brainerd Circuit WMF will meet Tuesday, May 8, at Walker, Minn. Morning and afternoon sessions.

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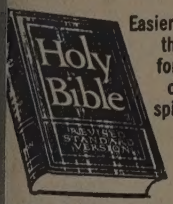

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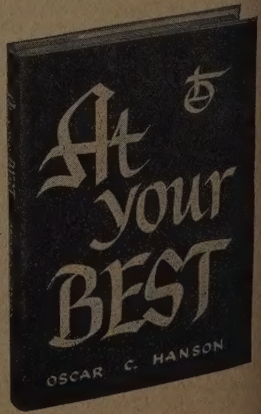

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